

**CHAPTER NO. 85**

**SENATE BILL NO. 187**

**By Dixon**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 276

By Bowers

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44, Chapter 17, relative to disposition of dangerous dogs causing serious injury to humans or other animals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 44-17-120, is amended by designating the present section as subsection (a) and by adding a new subsection (b) as follows:

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), in counties having a population of not less than eight hundred twenty-five thousand (825,000) nor more than eight hundred thirty thousand (830,000) according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census, a municipality or county is authorized to adopt local ordinances authorizing the municipality or the county to appropriately petition in a general sessions court to provide for the disposition of dangerous dogs and/or dogs causing death or serious injury to humans or other animals.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**PASSED: March 24, 1999**

**APPROVED this    day of    1999**

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**DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR**

Pursuant to Article III, Section 18, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, the Governor had Senate Bill No. 187 in his possession longer than ten (10) days, so therefore the bill becomes law without the Governor's signature.